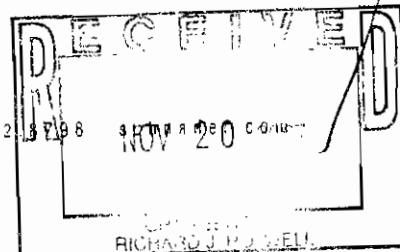


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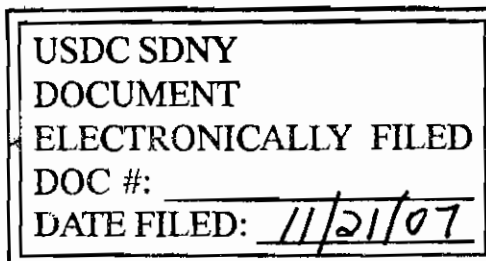


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RE: John O. Myers v. HSBC Investments (USA) Inc., et al.  
07 Civ. 4078 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

We represent the Defendants in the above-referenced matter. I am writing with respect to Defendants renewed request to file a motion seeking dismissal of HSBC Finance Corporation, HSBC North America Holdings, Inc., and HSBC Holdings plc as defendants from this action, which Your Honor granted along with a briefing schedule on October 25, 2007. Shortly after receiving your order, the parties entered into discussions concerning the disputed issues regarding the three defendants referred to above. Defendants had hoped to resolve this issue without engaging in motion practice and have been in the process of negotiating the possible dismissal of these entities with Plaintiff. Unfortunately, as of this afternoon, the parties appear unable to agree to the terms of a stipulation of dismissal and thus are again at an impasse.

Accordingly, Defendants request that Your Honor extend the briefing schedule by ten days so that Defendants may file their motion to dismiss these entities. The original schedule entered into by Your Honor had Defendants filing their brief by November 19<sup>th</sup>, Plaintiff's opposition on or before December 19<sup>th</sup>, and Defendants' reply by January 4<sup>th</sup>. The following is Defendants' proposed briefing schedule: Defendants' motion to be filed on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>, Plaintiff's opposition is due December 31<sup>st</sup>, and Defendants' reply is due January 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Application Granted

SO ORDERED

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Respectfully yours,

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